

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives realize that the rank of Eagle Scout is a performance-based achievement, the proud standards of which have been well maintained for many years; and

Whereas, Joseph Vincent Burke, a resident of St. Louis, Missouri, will receive the prestigious rank of Eagle Scout during a Court of Honor ceremony to be held on December 7, 2003, at St. Catherine Laboure Parish Hall; and

Whereas, Joseph, a member of Boy Scout Troop 646, successfully met the requirements to attain Eagle status by completing his Eagle project which involved assembling three coat racks and clothing shelves for Jefferson Barracks Veterans Hospital; and

Whereas, during his eleven years in Scouting, Joseph mastered several challenging and diverse skills to earn twenty-seven merit badges, the Ad Altare Dei award, and Brotherhood membership in the Order of the Arrow; and

Whereas, Joseph demonstrated his capability and willingness to exert leadership by fulfilling the duties and responsibilities of Assistant Patrol Leader, Patrol Leader, Chaplain Aide, Instructor, Scribe, Den Chief, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, and Senior Patrol Leader; and

Whereas, the son of William and Mary Burke, Joseph developed immense personal growth and fitness by participating in the many assorted activities the Boy Scouts offers, some of which include attending four summer camps, hiking the Shiloh Military Trails four times, and taking part in Scouting for Food and Jefferson Barracks Memorial Day Good Turn activities; and

Whereas, Joseph's attainment of the Eagle rank will be recognized at all levels of our society as being a great achievement that required considerable dedication and effort:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously in extending our most hearty congratulations to Joseph Burke for the steadfast determination he displayed in his pursuit to attain the rank of Eagle and in wishing him continued success in all future endeavors; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Eagle Scout Joseph Vincent Burke.

Offered by _____
Representative Jim Avery
District No. 95

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 4666, adopted November 17, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker